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"When ye are assembled together ye shall instruct and edify each other, that ye may know how to act and direct my church, how to act upon the points of my law and commandments, which I have given" (DOC. & COV. 43:8).

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TESTIMONY AND THANKSGIVING.

PRESIDENT CHARLES W. PENROSE.

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I KNOW that this work will go on and I know it has prospered in the past, in this respect that I am about to mention, and will go on in the future. The Lord promised that all that is formed against Zion shall not only not prosper, but it shall be turned to the welfare and benefit of Zion. Now be assured that this will be the case; that the present efforts being made by those who are not of us, but who are against us, that whatever they may do, whatever they may say, will be turned around in the sequel, to the glory of God, and the salvation of men, through and by this Church and its Priesthood. That is as sure as that the sun rises in the morning after it has appeared to set at night. This work will go on and on, and we will see it, if we live long enough on earth, and I suppose we will if we get away. I don't know how much we shall see when we get out of the body, but we will see a good deal more than we can see in the body. But we will see that this promise is fulfilled. All these schemes, these plots and plans, and all these ridiculous efforts that are being made will show up to be so ridiculous, so feeble, so false, that they will turn around to the good of this work in which we are engaged, to the glory of God and the salvation of men. So do not be discouraged by anything that may be said against the Church or its leaders. It has been said from the beginning, right from the start. Before Joseph Smith got even direction to organize the Church, he was assailed by the most religious people in his vicinity. But the things which they said against him eventually turned around to strengthen him in the minds of decent and reasonable and religious people and so will it be in the future. We need not be

concerned about that. Only let us be concerned with our own lives and labors, and the performance of our duties.

They are very plain. They are set down, most of them, in black and white. We can read them in the Doctrine and Covenants. I wish all our elders, priests, teachers and deacons, would become fully acquainted with Section 107 of the Doctrine and Covenants. Many of them do not know much about it. It is there in the book we read, and all the revelations contained therein have the ring, in my ears, of the gospel of light and love of God, and the power of God unto salvation. Now my brethren, let us be acquainted with what the Lord has revealed, and take it into our souls. Let us realize and feel that we are a part of this work, a true and living and active working part. Every man called to hold the Priesthood is called of God to work in this great latter-day cause, that God has revealed, and if we will take the advice, received by us this morning from our President, whose right it is to direct us, we will be going right all the time. I am sure of that.

I thank the Lord for the great manifestation of His power on the Hill Cumorah and in the Sacred Grove. I have been to those places and I felt the importance of the things that were done in the neighborhood of the Hill Cumorah, which the brethren visited, on the crown of which they held a splendid meeting, participated in by a great many people not of our faith. This meeting was commemorative of one of the most wonderful events that have ever occurred in this world. The first thing of importance in the revelations of God in the latter-days was the manifestation of the Father and the Son in the Sacred Grove to the boy Joseph. The next in importance, and as an opening of the work of the last days, was the visits of the Angel Moroni to the Prophet Joseph in his bedroom. When being reminded in his soul of the importance of the message he had already received, and feeling that he had not been faithful and true to the spirit of it in his own life, although he had not done anything of very great consequence that was wrong, he humbly confessed to God—and by this you shall know, the Lord says, when a man repents, "behold, he will confess his sins and turn away therefrom." That is real repentance. Joseph repented, and while in this mood, this angelic visitation came. I understand it to some extent. I have had what I call dreams, some people call them by other names. I can see that gathering of light in that chamber of the Prophet Joseph Smith. I can see the form of the Angel Moroni appearing right in that light, not standing on the floor but above the floor, so that Joseph could see him and the beautiful glory that surrounded his personality, and I bear testimony that he was a real personage, that he did come to the Prophet Joseph. What he revealed has, in a very large measure, been fulfilled, and that which has not been fulfilled will come to pass.

Now, my brethren, that was a real visitation that came to Joseph, and if we will read it carefully, we will see how wonderfully were opened up and prefaced the things that were to come in the bringing forth of the Book of Mormon, in its acceptance by prayerful souls, and rejection by the world. Many things that are of great moment were revealed to Joseph at that time, and they are recorded in that simple statement of his, which you can read in the Pearl of Great Price, which is a very precious document, as it contains revelations given to Moses, the Prophet, about things in the beginning when the earth was made, first spiritual and afterwards temporal. Many things are in the Book of Genesis, which, historically, were evidently traditions among the people, during the time from Adam down to the time of Moses, which was over twenty-four centuries—don't forget that—and many stories are told about things that occurred, and I fear that some of them are mingled together in the same chapter, different things occurring that are put in such a way that we sometimes are a little mistaken in our views concerning them. In regard to the manifestation of God to Abraham, there is no need to say that one of those three men whom we read of in Genesis 18, came to Abraham when he was sitting in his tent-door in the heat of the day, and ate veal with him, was God Almighty. There is no need to suppose that, and if you will read the chapter carefully you will find that God's conversation with Sarah and Abraham at that time might be entirely separated from the story of those three men. I merely mention that, now, because some of our Elders are using that chapter as an argument to prove that our heavenly Father is a personage of tabernacle. They can prove that without going to those narratives that are told there or elsewhere.

Now I think that it is a very important thing to get the word of the Lord as it comes to us, as we can read it, as we can receive it in our hearts, ourselves; but do not add to it or take away from it. Let us keep the word of the Lord and preach it to the world. We are called to this. This is our "job"; this is our business. Every Elder of the Church, every man holding the Priesthood, is called to be a minister of God, and among the peoples, to set as good an example as he can, considering the weakness of human nature. We are none of us entirely perfect; but we expect to "go on to perfection," by keeping the will and word of the Lord. By and by we will arrive at that position when we will receive our bodies, quickened with the power of an endless life, and they become spiritual; and our spirits, which are the sons and daughters of God, are embodied in them, to be continued—to be continued, to be unrestricted in their united existence; not for a time or a season; spirit and element inseparably connected, receiving a fulness of joy. And the time will come when we will receive that grand glory, a resurrection of our mortal bodies to

become spiritually united with our spiritual beings, the sons and the daughters of God and all eternity will be before us and will open to us glory and honor and power and dominion and increase, perpetually, forever and ever. That is what is coming to us, and it will pay us for all the difficulties and troubles through which we are called upon to pass sometimes, here in this mortal state. We can let them go by.

I believe that on the whole the Lord is well pleased with this people, and His Spirit is with them, and His power is with them. I believe that the authority and the power of the holy Priesthood are being manifested in a greater degree than ever before in the history of the Church, and the work going on in the temples is something astonishing when we come to read the reports from the presidents of those temples, what they have done and what they are preparing to do. It is something wonderful, and it shows that the Lord is working in the world, as well as we are.

I am very thankful for the privilege of bearing my testimony. I testify to you, my brethren and sisters, that what we have heard this morning is true. I testify to you that I know that God lives, that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, the Savior of the world. It is through His atoning blood that we gain remission of our sins, given to us in the waters of baptism. It is by His power that we live and move, and by it that we receive this authority which God has given to us to labor in His cause; and He will be with us if we are with Him in keeping His commandments and walking in His ways.

I bear testimony to the mission of the President of the Church. President Heber J. Grant is a great leader in Israel, and we give the glory of his work to the Lord, as he does. I feel honestly and sincerely in my soul to-day that all that I have been able to do, through the years that I have labored, has been by the blessing and providence and leading of Almighty God. His Spirit has been with me, and I have had the privilege of having it and enjoying it with Latter-day Saints in different countries that I have visited, no matter what their language, no matter what their customs. No matter what their ways or surroundings, the Spirit of God, the same Spirit that we feel here in Zion is, measurably, enjoyed by them, and so I can say of the whole Church. We have one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one hope of our calling. We are one with the powers of God; and by-and-by we will be united with them, and crowned with glory on the right hand of our Father, which may God grant, for Christ's sake. Amen.

THE Sabbath is necessary not because it is commanded, but it is commanded because it is necessary.

ANSWERED PRAYERS.

SAMUEL WHETTON.

ABOUT thirty-five years ago, I was living with my parents at Swadlincote, near Burton-on-Trent. Being members of the Baptist church and God-fearing people, my father and my mother, to the extent of the light which they possessed, had taught their children to pray and to exercise faith in the true and living God. When I was between six and seven years of age, my father gave my older brother and me certain work to do each day. One day, while on our way to work, my brother remembered we had not said our prayers. We immediately knelt down beside our wheelbarrow. God heard and answered our prayer so that we were able to accomplish our purpose that day.

When I was nine years old, my father was taken away from home suffering with an acute case of smallpox. Two of my father's brothers had died from the effects of this same disease. My mother, who was an ardent believer in prayer, gathered her children around her and poured out her soul in humble prayer to God for the protection of her loved ones. While she was praying, she heard a voice quite audible, which said, "Fear not, daughter of Zion. This plague shall not come near thy dwelling." This promise was literally fulfilled. My father was restored and returned home to us.

Fourteen years later, Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints came into the little town, preaching the "only true Gospel." My parents accepted it, and later, with part of their family, emigrated to Zion. It was not until this time that my mother knew the meaning of the words spoken to her while she was praying. Truly this prophecy, if it can so be called, was literally fulfilled in my parents' gathering to the land which is "choice above other lands."

Later, while living in Salt Lake City, and before I was baptized into the Church, I was taken down with diphtheria. For ten days I could neither eat nor drink other than medicine prescribed for me. I well remember one Friday night, my mother asked me which I would rather do, have the Elders of the Church or the doctor call upon me. I answered that I should prefer the Elders. The Elders came and administered to me and immediately I felt a great change come over me. The next morning, I arose and ate a hearty breakfast. The following week I rode to town and reported ready for work. This speedy recovery convinced me of the truthfulness of the Gospel as taught by the so-called "Mormons."

I am now a member of the Church and am proud of the fact. I have been given the Priesthood of the living God, and with this power I have been able to assist my family and my friends in times of need.

These incidents are enough to prove that the Lord hears and answers humble prayers when we "ask in faith nothing wavering." Truly, "If ye will keep my commandments, ye shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of man or whether I speak of myself." I, myself, have not had the opportunity of going out into the world to preach the Gospel—this glorious truth as revealed to mankind through the Prophet Joseph Smith, who was and is indeed a prophet of God; but I hope, in my weak way, I have been able to assist others to see that this work is of God. I am thankful to my Father in heaven that my eyes were opened to see the truthfulness of "Mormonism."

MINUTES OF THE FRANKFURT CONFERENCE.

A SPECIAL conference was held in Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany, March 12th. It was a deeply appreciated blessing, left a lasting impression on the missionaries, the Saints and the friends, and added a marked impetus to the work of the Lord. The visit of President David O. McKay of the European mission and President Fred Tadje of the Swiss and German mission brought fulfilment of the brightest hopes.

A missionary meeting was held commencing at 10 a.m. It was attended by sixty missionaries from the Frankfurt, the Stuttgart and the Cologne conference. The meeting commenced by the congregation's singing "Have I Done Any Good in the World Today?" Prayer was offered by President Clyde Wilcox of the Cologne conference.

President McKay announced the nature of the meeting. Each Elder was asked to present any difficulty he might have in understanding the Gospel, so that it might be discussed. Each Elder was also requested to mention one point in the Gospel as taught by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints which strongly appealed to him—his favorite gem in the Diadem of Truth. The resulting discussions were most interesting. As the concluding speaker, President McKay answered the questions which had been propounded and gave a comprehensive, moving talk on the importance of clean living and self-control.

President Leroi B. Gardner after twenty-nine months' faithful service in the mission field was honorably released to return home. Elder Richard P. Middleton was sustained as President of the Frankfurt conference to succeed President Gardner.

The general session of the conference convened in the evening in the attractive assembly-hall of the Frankfurt Gewerbeschule. The hall was filled to capacity—between six and seven hundred persons being in attendance. In addition to Saints and friends in the city of Frankfurt, numerous visitors from Darmstadt,

Mannheim, Offenbach, Saarbrücken and other surrounding cities were in attendance. President Gardner conducted the meeting under the direction of President McKay and President Tadje.

The session commenced with the song, "Die Himmel Rühmen," by a combined choir from the West and the Nord branch of Frankfurt. The opening prayer was spoken by Elder Anton Huck. The choir sang "Gennezareth."

President Gardner, the first speaker, discoursed concerning the restoration of the Gospel through the Prophet Joseph Smith.

President McKay, the second speaker, with masterful eloquence, showed the similarity in the attempts to defame the Church of Jesus Christ, to-day, with such prejudiced efforts in the days of Paul. He gave a touching and convincing picture of the self-sacrifice and love displayed in the activities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—in its missionary zeal and in its practical work of clothing the naked and helping the oppressed. The conclusion of President McKay's address was an inspiring summary of the facts and the deeds which enable the so-called "Mormons" to justify their claim that they have the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.

President McKay's words were translated with wonderful warmth and exactitude by Elder Jean Wunderlich, editor of *Der Stern*.

President Tadje was the concluding speaker. He talked on the man, Joseph Smith, and his work, telling of Josiah Quincey's visit to the Prophet, and the impressions he gained of him.

The benediction was pronounced by Elder Elwood Winters, President of the Stuttgart branch.

The day following the conference, the traveling Elders of the Frankfurt conference, with President McKay and President Tadje in attendance, held a social in honor of President Gardner, prior to his departure for his home.

RICHARD MIDDLETON, Conference President.

STORY OF A DEW-DROP.

A DEW-DROP falling on the wild sea waves
Exclaimed in fear: "I perish in this grave";
But in a shell received, that drop of dew
Into a pearl of marvellous beauty grew;
And happy now, the grace did magnify
Which thrust it forth, as it had feared to die;
Until again, "I perish quite," it said,
Torn by a diver's hand from its ocean bed;
Oh, unbelieving! So it came to gleam
Chief jewel in a monarch's diadem.

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DAVID O. MCKAY, Editor.

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EDITORIAL:

MEETING OF CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS.

"AND I give unto you a commandment that you shall teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom" (Doc. and Cov. 88:77).

For the purpose of "teaching one another the doctrine of the kingdom," of receiving instruction "in theory, in principle, in doctrine in all things pertaining unto the kingdom of God," that are expedient for them to understand that they might be prepared in all things when they return again to the calling wherewith they have been called, the conference presidents of the British mission, on Saturday and Sunday, April 5th and 6th, held, at London, a series of special meetings.

No group of sincere men can meet for a worthy purpose and not be benefited thereby. This is especially true of conscientious Elders, men whose lives are consecrated to the noblest of all purposes; viz., unselfish service to their fellow-men. At the London meeting the spirit of peace, harmony and brotherly love was abundantly manifested, and made the day a memorable one.

We have all heard of "The land where our dreams come true." Many have glimpsed it in the bright and far-off distance, but lost sight of it in the later mists and gloom of trouble and worry. Then, unfortunately, thinking that the happy land which they had glimpsed was but an illusion, they have given up the quest for a cherished ideal and have cried in discouragement, "'Twas but a dream—let it pass—let it vanish like so many others!"

Such was not the case, however, with these fourteen conference presidents of the British mission. For at least nine hours, these leaders, forgetting that they were in a "house built by hands," in the great man-made London town, actually crossed the borderline of that Land in which Dreams Come True, and proved from experience that this ever-inspiring Valley, though seen only with the eye of Hope and Inspiration, is, nevertheless, a reality, attainable by all who will step carefully and surely over the seemingly unpaved road that leads to it.

Truly, the realization of the occasion exceeded the most sanguine expectation!

The presidents began their teaching with a consideration of "Difficulties, and How to Overcome Them." Each seemed to realize that the road to the *ideal* is always beset with difficulties; but each also knew that "To him that overcometh will the Lord

give to eat of the tree of life." Before the day ended, difficulties vanished one by one; and suggestions as guide posts leading to success in life, as well as in the mission-field, flashed before them in clear, succinct sentences like gems set in a coronet. Here are the topics considered, and some illustrative suggestions:

"Difficulties of Conference Presidents and How to Overcome Them."

"Time Wasting Tendencies."

"How Best to Use Auxiliary Associations as Missionary Factors."

"Suggestive Methods of Enlisting Missionaries."

"The Conference President as an Exemplar."

To get the Message of all time before the world, it was urged that "Saints must be impressed with their duty as missionaries, encouraged to secure the attendance of their neighbors, friends and relatives at branch socials and meetings, and to avail themselves of every opportunity for instructing them in the simple truths of the Gospel."

The missionary should:

"Look and act the part of a true Gospel representative."

"Be pleasant, courteous, humble, sincere."

"Cottage meetings are of tremendous value in providing the fair-minded people of a neighborhood an opportunity to hear the Gospel."

"The spirit of contention is contageous, and a branch may be engulfed in an epidemic, if the conference president be not vigilant."

"A man who shifts responsibility of unpleasant tasks to his successor in office is a slacker."

"Practically all difficulties connected with a conference may be overcome by prompt and faithful action."

Many practical suggestions were offered on how to economize time and energy in attending to usual daily duties that pertain (1) to self; (2) to study; (3) to sleep; and (4) to visiting.

Also, on "How Best to Use Auxiliary Associations as Missionary Factors":

"Thorough preparation on the part of instructors is imperative."

"Uniformity in lessons and adherance to prescribed outlines of study facilitate comprehension and progress."

"Choose instructors who are sincere, sympathetic, dependable and prayerful."

"Regular and prompt attendance, as irregular and imprompt attendance, is infectious."

"Evidences of tidiness are beneficial."

"Apparent irreverence in places of worship is frequently offensive."

On enlisting members as missionaries:

"Make known to all members that volunteers for missionary work are needed."

"Now is the opportunity for members to act as missionaries, and everyone should ask himself what he can do to tell his friends and neighbors of the restoration of the Gospel."

"Members of the Church are in duty bound to inform their friends and neighbors."

"Proper recognition should be given for a given number of hours spent in distributing tracts."

The Exemplar:

"The conference president should aim to follow the Great Exemplar of all, whose representative each Elder is, and in doing so, he will (1) be clean in thought, word and deed; (2) he will study and practice humility; and (3) in all his acts, he will strive to express unfeigned *love*."

"There is much good in the world if we only look for it."

"Let us cultivate the spirit that attracts the homage of little children."

"Let us shun sin, yet be ready to minister to those who have sinned."

"Pure thoughts build noble character."

"Let us abhor sin, and preserve our purity even unto death."

As those fifteen men talked thus of the joys of true service, of the ideal life, and how to attain it, as the Spirit of the Lord approved of each conclusion and sanctified the occasion, each seemed to realize more keenly than ever before that the truest joy in the world is the joy that comes from doing one's duty, and doing good. Under the influence of the Holy Spirit, each felt to say:

"This is the land where dreams come true,
The gold at the rainbow's end;
This is the land that's calling you,
The land which the Saints defend;
This is the land which so many seek
As the unseen ultimate goal,
This is the land where dreams come true,
The land of the regnant soul."

May the spirit and entire work of that conference be carried to every group of Elders in the mission!

DAVID O. MCKAY.

MINUTES OF THE LIVERPOOL CONFERENCE.

THE Liverpool annual conference was held in Burnley, Sunday, March 30th. There were in attendance, President David O. McKay, Sister Emma Ray McKay and Elder William A. Monson from Liverpool and President John Walsh and all the Elders of the Liverpool conference. President McKay presided and President Walsh conducted all the meetings.

The Sunday-school session of the conference commenced at 10 a.m., by the congregation's singing "Children Gladly Join and Sing." The invocation was offered by Elder Rulon H. Sanders. "Again We Meet Around The Board" was sung as the sacramental song. Sister Nora Duckworth conducted the sacrament gem. The sacrament was administered by Elders John M. Jones and John C. Rowell, assisted by Brothers Arthur Birch and Thomas Hardy. Under the direction of Sister Ethel Espley the congregation repeated the concert recitation.

A program giving a brief outline of the history of the Church was rendered by members of the Sunday-schools of the conference. Those taking part were: Pearl McGarry, Elsie Rickard, Edward Heys and Leslie Horner of the Wigan branch; Hetty Tootle, Dorothy Hawkes, Dorothy Leak and Bertha Shorrock of the Blackburn branch; Robert Pickles, James R. Pickles, Agnes M. Bently and Edith Lord of the Nelson branch; Edwin Astin, Doris Owens, Ethel Espley and Margaret Thornber of the Burnley branch; and Dorothy Taylor, Herbert Taylor, Susan Marsden and Alice Barlow of the Accrington Sunday-school.

A sacred duet "See the Mighty Angel Flying," was rendered by Sisters Alice and Polly Tinsley.

Sister McKay commented upon the theme of the conference and said the "hundred-year-old story" is always an inspiration and source of much delight to her. She admonished the Saints to learn to know each other, for we "learn to love people by knowing them." Her remarks were directed especially to the children. Sister McKay told of the necessity of getting into the habit of thinking good thoughts.

President McKay, the concluding speaker, impressed one great principle upon his listeners, "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." No matter how just our judgment may seem to us it may be unjust, said President McKay. This great principle was clearly shown by the life of Paul—he misjudged the Saints, and after his conversion he was misjudged by both the Jews and the heathens. By a personal example the speaker told of the serious consequences that come from a hasty and poor judgment of our fellowmen.

The meeting was brought to a close by the congregation's singing, "I'll Serve the Lord While I Am Young." Benediction was pronounced by Elder James D. Moyle.

The afternoon session convened at 1:40 p.m., with preliminary music by Organist Mabel Eastwood. The congregation sang, "That the Lord Will Provide." Prayer was offered by Elder Arthur L. Fuller. The second song was "Hope of Israel."

The general, the mission and the conference authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

President Walter Thompson of the Blackburn branch was the first speaker. He told of his eighteen years in the Church, and the happiness that service for our fellowmen brings to us.

Brother George Easter of the Liverpool branch spoke of the power used in the Sunday-schools of the world to instruct the young people. He said this Church has a greater power—that of the Holy Ghost. He bore a strong testimony of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

President Richard Tinsley of the Wigan branch exhorted the Saints to pay their tithing and their fast offerings. He told of the strong testimony he gained by hard work and earnest study.

Brother Herbert S. Webster of the Wigan branch said he deems it a great pleasure to be associated with the Saints, and to be thought worthy to defend the truths of the Gospel.

President James Barwick of the Liverpool Branch Mutual Improvement Association illustrated by his own life the beneficial results derived from living the Gospel, and the changes it may make in a person's life.

"Have I Done Any Good in the World To-day?" was rendered by Miss Ada Oates and Mr. Herbert Taylor.

Elder Grant W. Pett, the next speaker, told of the necessity of preparing for future life. He said that all we do in mortality is recorded on the balance sheet of life, from which we shall be judged.

Elder John C. Rowell said that converts to the Church do not have to sacrifice any truths by becoming a member of the Church. They merely add more truths to their old faith.

Elder William A. Monson said the principles of the Gospel are the principles of life, and illustrated, for example, the great need for faith in all business enterprises. He said that all great men have faith.

Elder Ernest K. Freckleton spoke of the necessity of testing ourselves and letting our light so shine before men that our lives may lead others to a knowlege of the truth.

Sisters Ethel Shorrock and Maude Haylnrst rendered a duet.

The closing hymn was "For the Strength of the Hills."

Benediction was pronounced by Brother James Barwick.

Immediately after the afternoon session, an officers and teachers meeting was held. President McKay complimented the Saints on accomplishing more than the aim for this year calls for. He admonished them to be true missionaries for they hold the power of real missionary work.

Sister McKay received the reports of the branch Relief Societies and explained the relationship between the presidents of Relief Societies and their counselors. She commented upon the words of the Prophet Joseph, "hold all people's characters sacred," and explained the need to follow that admonition.

President McKay spoke of the national recognition of the

Relief Societies by the great transportation companies of the world, and of the relief the Saints in Zion are sending to their brothers in foreign lands.

At 5: 30 p.m., the evening service commenced by the congregation's singing "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath." Prayer was offered by President Thompson. The congregation sang, "Come, We That Love The Lord."

Elder Edward L. Burton, Jr., the first speaker, spoke of the love in the Church shown by the service one will do for one's brother.

Elder John M. Jones spoke of the scriptural foundation of the Church built upon the solid rock of revelation which no other church possesses.

Elder Lewis Hansen stated that wherever the "Mormon" people are known they are respected citizens because they live the precepts taught by the Gospel. He showed by example that vision is better than logic.

President Tinsley rendered a solo, "My Hope."

Elder Rulon H. Sanders spoke of the fact that the average person does not believe in miracles. Yet people see miracles performed each day, he said.

"I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go," was rendered by Brother John E. Owens.

President McKay occupied the remainder of the time, taking for his text, John the 19th chapter, 4th and 5th verses. He commented upon the fact that Pilate recognized the character of the Man he was called upon to judge. Religion is of very little use unless it builds character, and character is greater than intellect, said President McKay. He spoke of seven realms in the world—discovery, science, philosophy, art, literature, statesmanship and war. He said the Savior is not in any of these realms, but being a perfect Man, is the most excellent example of character. President McKay said that all things that disintegrate character are things we should keep away from. The greatest virtue a man may have is self-mastery, which can be built by doing things that are unpleasant, and resisting temptations in the daily walks of life.

The conference adjourned by the congregation's singing, "God, the Spring of All My Joys." The benediction was offered by Elder Percy S. Hawkes.

An overflow session of the conference for members of the Liverpool branch and the Birkenhead division convened at Liverpool at 7 p.m. Elder G. Martin Hopfenbeck presided and conducted.

The meeting commenced by the congregation's singing, "Now, Let Us Rejoice." Prayer was spoken by Brother Stanley James. "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung as the sacramental song. The sacrament was administered by Elder Grant Pett and Brother James Reid.

The names of the general, the mission and the conference authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

The speakers of the evening were Elders Grant Pett, David W. Goddard, Ernest K. Freckleton, William A. Monson and G. Martin Hopfenbeck.

Elder David W. Goddard rendered a vocal solo.

The meeting closed by the congregation's singing. "Praise to the Man." Brother Nathaniel Hall pronounced the benediction.

JAMES D. MOYLE, Conference Clerk.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Tracting Society Organized.—A tracting society was organized in Aberdeen (Scottish conference) the 23rd ult. A commendable response was given by both Saints and investigators, all of whom are entering the work with determination and vigor.

Baptism.—Saturday, the 5th inst., a baptismal service was held at Sheffield. Two candidates were baptized by President William Blackburn of the Manchester conference. They were confirmed by President Blackburn and Elder G. Kimball Mellor.

Releases and Departures.—The following missionaries honorably released from their labors sailed for their homes, Friday the 11th inst., per s.s. *Montclare*.

From the British mission—

Edward W. Southwick, the Birmingham and the Bristol conference.

From the Swiss and German mission—

Leroi B. Gardner, President Frankfurt conference.

Branch Conferences.—The 23rd ult., a branch conference was held at Nuneaton (Birmingham conference). Three sessions were held. In the officers and teachers and Priesthood session, those present gave brief reports and bore their testimonies of the Gospel. The speakers in the various sessions were President Joseph E. Tillotson, Elders Lester D. Hovey, John H. Smeath, Kenneth A. Curtis and J. Trevor Buddell and Brother George E. Hunter. Sisters Mabel Hartopp and Emma Seckington each rendered a solo.

An interesting branch conference was held at Hanley (Manchester conference) the 23rd ult., with President William Blackburn presiding, and Elder M. Ivan Batty conducting. The feature of the Sunday-school session was a pleasing program rendered by the children. Talks were given by Elder Christopher C. Heaton and President Blackburn. The speakers in the evening session were Elder Heaton and President Blackburn.

The 16th ult., the Kidderminster branch (Birmingham confer-

ence) held its annual conference. Elders Lester D. Hovey, Kenneth A. Curtis, Elmer H. Lloyd, Dan A. Hickman and Ellis L. Rees and many Saints and investigators were in attendance. Under the direction of Superintendent William L. Gittins, a pleasing program depicting the organization and the growth of the Church was rendered in the Sunday-school session. Appropriate talks were given by Elders Lloyd, Curtis and Hovey in the evening session. Sister Beatrice Dunn sang a solo.

A branch conference was held at Handsworth (Birmingham conference) the 30th ult., with President Joseph E. Tillotson presiding. Under the direction of Superintendent Charles Collins, the members of the Sunday-school presented an interesting program, using as a theme the restoration of the Gospel. The evening session was conducted by Branch President John M. Joseph. Gospel addresses were delivered by Elders Kenneth A. Curtis, Elmer H. Lloyd and Alvah N. Stout and President Tillotson.

The 30th ult., the Hucknall branch (Nottingham conference) held its annual conference. Elder Percy Whetton presided at the meetings; Superintendent Charles W. Orton conducted the Sunday-school session, Branch President Samuel Pears the evening session. A delightful program was rendered by the children in the Sunday-school session, the theme being the life of Christ. The speakers were Elders Percy Whetton and Sidney J. Nebeker, Brothers Samuel Pears and Robert Hammond and Sister Ruth Orton.

The Watford branch (London conference) held its annual conference the 30th ult. President Joseph E. Wright and Elders Emerson C. Willey, Claren Schofield and A. Lewis Elggren were present, besides a record attendance of Saints and friends. Recitations and songs were rendered by the children of the Sunday-school in the first session. The speakers in the evening session were Elders Elggren, Willey and Schofield and President Wright.

Meetings of Traveling Elders.—A meeting of the traveling Elders of the Leeds conference was held at Bradford the 16th ult., with Elder G. Martin Hopfenbeck presiding. Each Elder was allotted two minutes to give what he thought to be the greatest need of the conference, and to express how he felt in his labors. Elder William A. Monson spoke on virtues and vices, showing how easily the former may become the latter. Elder Hopfenbeck outlined the organization of the Church. The day following, the Elders met at Halifax under the direction of President David D. Lamph. They were asked to state what they were doing to fulfil the greatest need of the Leeds conference. President Lamph followed up the remarks made and added many helpful suggestions.

A Priesthood meeting was held at Belfast the 24th ult., under the direction of President David O. McKay. Suggestions were

made as to the needs of the conference; questions were asked upon points of doctrine, and opinions were given of the most outstanding gems in the "Diadem of Truth."

The regular monthly Priesthood meeting of the Welsh conference was held the 29th ult. President John W. Crofts presided. The subjects of "The Apostacy" and "Was Joseph Smith sent of God?" were treated by Elders Jesse N. Decker and Rulon W. Openshaw respectively. Gratifying reports showing much improvement were given by all the Elders.

The 29th ult., a meeting of the traveling Elders of the Sheffield conference was held at Sheffield. Many needful instructions were given by President Fielding K. Smith. Several of the Elders present bore impressive testimonies and showed the necessity of winning the confidence of the people among whom they are laboring.

The traveling Elders of the Hull conference met in Hull the 29th ult. The work in the conference was reported to be progressing in a pleasing manner. Elder Edward B. Smith delivered an inspiring address, encouraging the Elders in the discharge of their duties. President K. Marsel Widtsoe outlined the work for the ensuing month.

A Priesthood meeting of the traveling Elders of the Liverpool conference was held in Burnley the 29th ult., under the direction of President David O. McKay. President McKay gave instructions for the work during the coming year, and asked each Elder to give expression on the points: the greatest need of the Liverpool conference; a point of Church doctrine that is not entirely clear in the Elder's mind; and the most brilliant gem in the doctrines of the Church. After commenting upon the expressions, President McKay gave a short talk on the atonement.

The regular monthly meeting of the Elders of the Birmingham conference convened at Handsworth the 31st ult. After brief reports had been rendered by each of the Elders, short talks were given by Elders Thomas S. Griffiths, Elmer H. Lloyd and Dan A. Hickman.

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